

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending.

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Examiner believes that the claims are directed to two inventions as follows:

<u>Invention</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Comments</u>
I	1-5 and 11-16	drawn to graphical user interface/presentations of devices (topology of workstations), classified in class 715, subclass 734
II	6-10 and 17-21	drawn to presentation of document/hierarchical control, classified in class 715, subclass 514

Applicant elects the claims of invention II with traverse. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's position as described by his comments above. All the claims are directed to "providing a compact layout of connected nodes" as recited in the preamble of each independent claim.

None of the claims uses the terms of "graphical user interface," "presentations," "devices," or "workstations." As such, applicant is puzzled by the Examiner's comments on invention I, which uses these terms to describe the class of invention I. Also, none of the claims uses the terms "presentation," "document," or "control." Applicant is similarly puzzled by the Examiner's comments on invention II, which use these terms to describe the class of invention II. The Examiner's characterization of these claims is incorrect and thus the claims should not be classified differently. Since the claims should be in the same classification, there will be no "serious burden" on the Examiner to examine all the pending claims in this application.

Based upon the above remarks, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and its early allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 418268831US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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